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House Bill 86 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that returns of absentee ballots shall be
- 3 made by precinct; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
- 4 purposes.

## 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
- 8 elections generally, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-386, relating
- 9 to safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots, as follows:
- 10 "(d) Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, if at any primary, general,
- or special election in any county any question is to be voted on involving any political
- subdivision which includes less than the entire county, all absentee ballots shall be
- separated by precinct for counting purposes All absentee ballots shall be counted and
- 14 <u>tabulated in such a manner that returns may be reported by precinct;</u> and separate returns
- shall be certified made for each precinct in which absentee ballots were cast showing the
- results by each precinct in which the electors reside."

SECTION 2.

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.